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H. R. 3267

To amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Healthy Start Initiative.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 31, 2007

Mr. TOWNS (for himself and Mr. UPTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Healthy Start Reau-
5 thorization Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO HEALTHY START INITIATIVE.**

7 (a) CONSIDERATIONS IN MAKING GRANTS.—Section
8 330H(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
9 254c–8(b)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “(b) REQUIREMENTS” and all
2 that follows through “In making grants under sub-
3 section (a)” and inserting the following:

4 “(b) CONSIDERATIONS IN MAKING GRANTS.—

5 “(1) REQUIREMENTS.—In making grants under
6 subsection (a)”;

7 “(2) by adding at the end the following para-
8 graph:

9 “(2) OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.—In making
10 grants under subsection (a), the Secretary shall take
11 into consideration the following:

12 “(A) Factors that contribute to infant
13 mortality, such as low birthweight.

14 “(B) The extent to which applicants for
15 such grants facilitate—

16 “(i) a community-based approach to
17 the delivery of services; and

18 “(ii) a comprehensive approach to
19 women’s health care to improve perinatal
20 outcomes.

21 “(3) SPECIAL PROJECTS.—Nothing in para-
22 graph (2) shall be construed to prohibit the Sec-
23 retary from awarding grants under subsection (a)
24 for special projects that are intended to address sig-
25 nificant disparities in perinatal health indicators in

1 communities along the United States-Mexico border
2 or in Alaska, Hawaii, or any territory or possession
3 of the United States.”.

4 (b) OTHER GRANTS.—Section 330H of the Public
5 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254c–8) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a), by striking paragraph (3);

7 and

8 (2) by striking subsections (e) and (f).

9 (c) FUNDING.—Section 330H of the Public Health
10 Service Act, as amended by subsection (b) of this section,
11 is amended by adding at the end the following subsection:

12 “(e) FUNDING.—

13 “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

14 For the purpose of carrying out this section, there
15 are authorized to be appropriated—

16 “(A) \$120,000,000 for fiscal year 2008;

17 and

18 “(B) for each of fiscal years 2009 through
19 2013, the amount authorized for the preceding
20 fiscal year increased by the percentage increase
21 in the Consumer Price Index for all urban con-
22 sumers for such year.

23 “(2) ALLOCATION.—

24 “(A) PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION.—Of the
25 amounts appropriated under paragraph (1) for

1 a fiscal year, the Secretary may reserve up to
2 5 percent for coordination, dissemination, tech-
3 nical assistance, and data activities that are de-
4 termined by the Secretary to be appropriate for
5 carrying out the program under this section.

6 “(B) EVALUATION.—Of the amounts ap-
7 propriated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal
8 year, the Secretary may reserve up to 1 percent
9 for evaluations of projects carried out under
10 subsection (a). Each such evaluation shall in-
11 clude a determination of whether such projects
12 have been effective in reducing the disparity in
13 health status between the general population
14 and individuals who are members of racial or
15 ethnic minority groups.”.

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